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of ye said Joseph and Benjamin Mountain in ye possession of ye widow of Joseph Mountain in Winchester.

"The house of ye possession of Ann Hobbs wife of Thomas Hobbs of Andover yet called the brick kiln &c. barn in ye possession of Benjamin Bird of Andover. The barn and close behind in ye possession of John Daniel of Andover—The eighteen acres in the possession of Cornelius Tyrrell an attorney except sold by him, tis supposed he know ye title not to be good and therefore sold it, John Hide wife Barbara says she had 10 pounds offered to her several times if she would set her hand to the writings tho above said Joseph Mountain has . . . trying to sell it viz. ye 18 acres &c. but his brother and he went to law about it and so it fell into ye above said attorney's hands for charges of ye law.

"Ann Gray was sister to Richard Mountain ye young man's father; and mother to Barbart Hide that wrote to him about his affairs."

Book Notices.

THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE, ITS HISTORY. By John H. Hazelton Esq. New York, Dodd, Mead & Co., 1906. 8vo. pp 629. Illustrated. Price \$4.50 net.

The work begins with the events of the three years prior to July 4, 1776, showing the initial steps towards independence taken by the Colonies and the condition of affairs prevailing; followed by chapters on the drafting of the Declaration; the signing; the effect of the Declaration; the first anniversary celebration in Philadelphia; the whereabouts of the document since 1776; the Appendix; and notes to the Text and Appendix.

What must strike the reader at the outset, is the thoroughness of Mr. Hazelton's work, and the impartial manner in which he deals with debatable questions that arise from time to time, and presenting his conclusions in clear and terse form. At last we have a reliable history of the great American document, for original sources only have been its basis, which ought to meet with as cordial a welcome by present readers, as it is likely to be appreciated by future generations, who will thank the author for his sound piece of work, and consult it as an authority of no small value. Altogether this is a work we can commend as one of marked importance. Like all similar works issued by the publishers this volume is produced in attractive form.

THE ANCESTRY AND POSTERITY OF JOHN LEA OF CHRISTIAN MILFORD, WILTSHIRE, ENGLAND AND OF PENNSYLVANIA, IN AMERICA, 1503-1906. By James Henry Lea and George Henry Lea, Philadelphia and New York. Lea Brothers & Co., 1906. 8vo. pp. 611. Illustrated. Price \$10.00.

This work embraces a history of the ancestry and posterity of John Lea, of Wiltshire, England, in male and female lines, covering a period of over four hundred years,—two hundred years in England, prior to the emigration, and a similar period from the landing on the Delaware, of the earliest known ancestor to the latest living descendant, and gives a direct family line of no less than seventeen generations. The English section gives twelve of the principal families of the name in England, with arms; the American gives the accounts of John Lea and Hannah Hopson, his wife, and pedigrees of ten generations of the family, in both male and female branches. Great care and intelligence has been

spent in collecting the immense amount of data that has been brought to light, and the work will always be held rightly in high value. The general appearance of the volume is excellent and the printing clear, and the numerous full page illustrations, portraits, silhouettes and signatures, form a striking and important feature. Copies may be obtained of the publishers, 706-710 Sansom Street, Philadelphia.

ANNALS OF THE SINNOTT, ROGERS, COFFIN, CORLIES, REEVES, BODINE AND ALLIED FAMILIES. By Mary Elizabeth Sinnott, edited by Josiah Granville Leach, L.L. B. Printed for private circulation, Philadelphia 1905. 4 to pp. 278. Illustrated.

Even a glance at the contents of this volume will show how judiciously it has been designed, and the interest it cannot fail to have for all who are connected with the families of which it treats. All that unwearied industry and research can acquire has been done, and as a piece of work, it certainly reflects the highest credit on the compiler and editor, and has far too few companions of its kind. Regarded merely as a specimen of typography, the book is a real delight to the eye and fully satisfies our ideal. In addition to the families noted in the title, the Hammond, Winslow, Jess, Lippincott, Wing, West and Mayhew's branches have been developed.

HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. BY HENRY WILLIAM ELSON. WITH TWO HUNDRED ILLUSTRATIONS SELECTED AND EDITED BY CHARLES HENRY HART, New York. Published for the Review of Reviews Company, by the Macmillan Company, London, Macmillan & Co., Ltd. 1905. 5 vols, 8vo, pp. xxxiii, 321; xvi, 281; xi, 269; xiii, 370; ix, 223.

Professor Elson's history was recognized on its first publication as filling a much needed and long felt want, it being for this country what Green's history of England is for the mother country, a well written, readable and interesting work for the general reading public, historically accurate and treated in an impartial spirit, giving a thorough survey of the important epochs through which the country has passed from its discovery down to the inauguration of President Roosevelt, March 4, 1905.

This new edition has a distinctive feature never before introduced into a historical work. The employment of a recognized expert to select the illustrations so that every portrait reproduced can be accepted without questioning, as a guaranteed veritable likeness of the person represented. Mr. Hart, in his "Proem to the Illustrations," says, "In this work nothing but original portraits have been used and consequently many familiar faces usually found in illustrated histories will be noted by their absence." Among the latter the two most prominent omitted are Columbus and William Penn, Mr. Hart saying, "There is certainly no portrait of Columbus and it is extremely doubtful if there is any of Penn." This last statement opens a very large and important subject and without committing ourselves, it is one that needs a more exhaustive scientific investigation than it has yet received. Among the many portraits here reproduced for the first time the most interesting historically is, we think, that of Sir George Carteret, as heretofore, although much sought for, none has been known to exist. Instead of a bare list

of illustrations, as usually found in illustrated books, each volume contains an annotated index to the illustrations therein, full of valuable and recondite information and each portrait has inscribed upon it the birth and death dates of the subject, and, when obtainable, the date of the portrait, thus giving, at a glance, the age to which the subject attained, the time his career covered and the period of the portrait presented. It is to be hoped that the old method of slipshod, haphazard illustration has gone by and a new era been established. Mr. Hart has contributed to volume 3 a chapter on 150 years of American art and the general index to the work covers 50 double column pages and seems to be exhaustive.

SOME OF THE ANCESTORS AND DESCENDANTS OF SAMUEL CONVERSE SR., OF THOMPSON PARISH, KILLINGLY, CONN. MAJOR JAMES CONVERS, OF WOBURN, MASS. HON. HEMAN ALLEN M. C. OF MILTON AND BURLINGTON, VERMONT. CAPTAIN JONATHAN BIXBY, SR., OF KILLINGLY, CONN. Completed and edited by Charles Allen Converse. Boston, Mass. 2 vols. 4to pp. 961. Illustrated.

It is a pleasure to congratulate Col. Converse on the accomplishment of this notable record. He has taken no limited or restricted view of his duty as a genealogist, or his taste and knowledge as an antiquarian, in tracing in an interesting and informative manner, the history of his family and related lines. A vast amount of valuable information has been brought together from Colonial and later records, church registers, private papers, family Bibles, histories and genealogies. It is a source of honest and commendable pride that his ancestors for generations in this land have done their part as self-supporting citizens for their neighborhood, their colony, their State and their country. Appended to the genealogies are many valuable notices of families, the whole liberally illustrated. The two volumes are beautifully printed, and a very full index helpful.